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The San Jacinto River Coalition will host a community event at the Highlands Community Center April 8 at 6:30 PM, where Dr. Kathleen Garland will present her recent report to the communities near the San Jacinto River Waste Pits. Dr. Garland's report compares the Waste Pits, to similar sites around the country. The report highlights that larger sites in more complex settings have been fully remediated in order to meet EPA guidelines. The potentially responsible parties for the San Jacinto River Waste Pits, argue that containing the Waste Pits and leaving them in the San Jacinto River is the best clean-up remedy for the Site – However, Dr. Garland's report illustrates why this remedy is not an acceptable "clean-up" method per EPA policy and past practices. The containment structure currently atop the Waste Pits was constructed as a Time Critical Removal Action (TCRA) due to the Waste Pits' imminent threat to human health and the environment and was never intended by the EPA to be the final clean-up remedy.

Join us for an information packed event and an opportunity to ask Dr. Garland your questions!

Thank you, Jackie Young

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